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a second flexible member affixed between and tangent to both said second surface of said stationary member and said surface of said rotate-able member such that said second flexible member is preloaded in a curved form with an approximate center of curvature above said second surface of said stationary member.

- 16 (new) A flexural pivot device of claim 15, wherein the first and second flexible members are made of a material selected from the group consisting of ceramics, semiconductors and plastic resins.
- 17 (new) A flexural pivot device of claim 15, wherein the first flexible member is formed integral with the second flexural member with a substantially planar form contiguous through the first flexible member, second flexible member and connecting region.
- 18 (new) A flexural pivot device of claim 15, wherein the first flexible member is affixed to the stationary member by a spot welding method selected from the group consisting of resistance, laser, ultrasonic, and radio-frequency.
- 19 (new) A flexural pivot device of claim 16, wherein the first flexible member is formed integral with the stationary member.
- 20 (new) A flexural pivot device of claim 16, wherein the first flexible member is formed integral with the rotate-able member.
- 21 (new) A flexural pivot device, comprising:
- a stationary member having a surface,
  - a rotate-able member having a first and second surfaces,
  - a first flexible member affixed between and tangent to both said surface of said stationary member and said first surface of said rotate-able member such that

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said first flexible member is preloaded in a curved form with an approximate center of curvature above said first surface of said rotate-able member, and a second flexible member affixed between and tangent to both said surface of said stationary member and said second surface of said rotate-able member such that said second flexible member is preloaded in a curved form with an approximate center of curvature above said second surface of said rotate-able member.

- 22 (new) A flexural pivot device of claim 21, wherein the first and second flexible members are made of a material selected from the group consisting of ceramics, semiconductors and plastic resins.
- 23 (new) A flexural pivot device of claim 21, wherein the first flexible member is formed integral with the second flexural member with a substantially planar form contiguous through the first flexible member, second flexible member and connecting region.
- 24 (new) A flexural pivot device of claim 21, wherein the first flexible member is affixed to the stationary member by a spot welding method selected from the group consisting of resistance, laser, ultrasonic, and radio-frequency.
- 25 (new) A flexural pivot device of claim 22, wherein the first flexible member is formed integral with the stationary member.
- 26 (new) A flexural pivot device of claim 22, wherein the first flexible member is formed integral with the rotate-able member.


#### **Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance**

Applicant has amended the claims of this application so that they are proper, definite, and define novel structure which is also unobvious. If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 2173.02 and § 707.07(j) in

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order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

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